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**JUDGE MICHAEL HIDER, RET., AWARDED JUDICIAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR BY
THE SOUTHWEST BAR ASSOCIATION**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

On Thursday, January 20, 2011, the Southwest County Bar Association awarded the Honorable Michael S. Hider with the Judicial Officer of the Year Award for 2010.

Judge Hider, who retired from the Merced County Superior Court in 2001, after 17 years of service, came to the Riverside Superior Court that same year to work on assignment as a retired judge. During his time in Riverside County, Judge Hider has worked in the Corona, Hemet, Southwest and Temecula courts, hearing a wide variety of case types including criminal trials, master calendar, drug court, traffic, small claims and limited civil matters. He has been, and continues to be, a valuable asset to the bench, justice community and citizens of Riverside County.

The Southwest Bar Association selects their Judicial Officer of the Year after a nomination process by its membership. After review by board members, the successful candidate was chosen. Scott Minturn, the current President of the Southwest Bar Association, commented that Judge Hider was selected for his "judicial demeanor, courtesy to all, and fair rulings".

Presiding Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth further stated that the Riverside Superior Court is "honored and privileged to have Judge Hider sitting in our court".

Judge Hider served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1962. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Metallurgical Engineering, his Master's Degree in Philosophy, and his Juris Doctorate in 1972. He is married to Eileen and has four children and eight grandchildren.

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